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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BELIZE AIRWAYS, LTD. (BAL)

REF: BELIZE 0771 AND PREVIOUS

1. BAL PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIRMAN BARRY BOWEN TOLD ME
RECENTLY THAT CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD HEARING ON BAL'S
ROUTE APPLICATION IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 20. CONGEN
REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT FORWARD ASAP RESULTS OF CAB
DELIBERATIONS AND REASONING BEHIND DECISION, IF NEGATIVE.
WE WISH AVOID POSSIBILITY OF BEING CAUGHT FLAT-FOOTED
IF APPROACHED BY BAL OR GOB OFFICIALS.

2. FYI: BAL HAS RECEIVED EXPECTED DEVELOPMENT CONCESSION
FROM GOB AND, ACCORDING BOWEN, AIRLINE IS NOW PLUGGED IN
TO NATIONAL AIRLINES' PASSENGER RESERVATIONS COMPUTER
SYSTEM (IN ADDITION TO BRANIFF'S). BAL PERSONNEL ALSO
APPARENTLY ENJOY INTER-LINE PRIVILEGES ACCORDED THEM BY
VARIOUS OTHER AIRLINES. BOWEN (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER BAL
OFFICERS) REMAIN CONFIDENT AND ARE SUPREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC.
GOB OFFICIALS, NOTABLY MINISTER SILVESTRE, NOT SO SANGUINE
AND ARE EDGY ABOUT CAB HEARINGS. BAL IN SHORT APPEARS TO
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BE IN POSITION OF POKER PLAYER WHO HAS BET LAST CHIP
AND HOPES NO ONE ELSE WILL RAISE.
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